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Yalata Installs Missionary

Yet another
glimpse into
the 1960 ELCE
Foreign Mission
Field

When Captain Cook the English navigator, sailed in 1770 along the eastern coast of Australia, taking possession of it in the name of Great Britain and naming it New South Wales, there were more than 300,000 natives who occupied the three million square miles of the new continent. Today there are 75,000 aborigines left. They live on eighty million acres, set aside by the Australian government as aboriginal reserves, territories virtually forbidden to the white man.

Koonibba and Yalata are the two reserves where our church conducts missions. Koonibba lies about twenty-five miles inland from the Southern Ocean near Denial Bay on the far West Coast of South Australia. Adelaide is, by road, 550 miles to the southeast. The nearest town of any size is Port Lincoln, a town of 7000 on the southern tip of Eyre Peninsula. Yalata is "beyond" Koonibba — about 100 miles.

The above account of the installation of the Rev. Cecil Logan as missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia to the natives at Yalata is taken from The Australian Lutheran.

W. P. BORGAS.

Arrivals

The red Morris truck was ready, loaded at the gate with rations, and three native work-boys were standing by, watching over the cargo. Soon the truck was rolling down the road with Mr. Barry Lindner at the wheel. A little later a blue Holden utility followed, carrying Mr. Max Thomas and Professor Pahl, with Pastor Logan at the wheel.

Sixteen miles later, as we approached the native encampment, through the trees we could see the bush wurlies, the homes of 200-odd natives and not a few dogs, scattered round the scrub in a rough circle. On the edge of the camp could be seen a pre-fabricated room where Sister Mirtschin, assisted by Teacher Tischler, was giving medical help to the people. Meanwhile, by the red Morris truck, rations were being distributed, store goods sold,

and boomerangs, spears, and other curios bought.

Getting Acquainted

The new young missionary, his part done in the distribution of rations, moved round talking to the natives, gaining their confidence, getting to know their ways, and telling them to be ready next day in the early afternoon for a special service. Then we left them.

Next day, Tuesday, May 17th, saw us all at the same camp again. Visitors came up from Koonibba, nearly 100 miles away, for the occasion.

It was a most unusual sight for us, who are accustomed to have the solemn acts of the church performed in dignified houses of worship, to see three pastors in clerical gowns, a few white people, and 150 or so crudely dressed dark people sitting in more or less straight lines (and how many more peeping shyly out of nearby wurlies I do not know), gathered for worship.

Tea Chest Altar

The altar was a couple of empty tea chests turned upside down and covered with a white cloth on which was set a Bible and crucifix.

That was the setting for the service in which Pastor C. Logan was installed as missionary to the natives at Yalata.

The sound of unaccompanied singing echoed through the trees.

Then all heard in silence the words of Professor Pahl as he explained to his listeners that as they feed their bodies on food so that they might live and give strength to the body, so they must have food for the soul that their souls might be strong and live forever. This food is the Word of God. God has sent Pastor Logan to be His messenger

and if they receive him and believe his words, then they receive God and their souls shall live.

Three Baptisms

Immediately after the installation, three children were brought forward to be baptized by the new missionary. Dark-skinned they were, and stained by sin, but washed by the blood of our Saviour in Holy Baptism, they were received as God's children.

I once wondered whether this work was worthwhile. I wonder no more. God truly is at work at Yalata. Will you join me in praying for these people and for those who work among them to bring them to Jesus?



DR. HOFFMAN AT HOLY TRINITY

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, of New York, speaker on the International Lutheran Hour, preached the main sermon at the 1960 Mission Festival of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Tottenham, London, on Sunday, 12 June. In the congregation were many Lutheran Hours listeners who had travelled from distant parts of London to hear the radio preacher, well-known to British listeners through weekly transmissions of the Lutheran Hour from Radio Luxembourg.

The mission offering of £71 will be given to the aboriginal missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia at Yalata and Koonibba, the field chosen by all ELCE congregations as the beneficiary for their 1960 foreign mission offerings. In preparation for the Mission Festival, a display of photographs showing the Australian field was placed in the church porch for a fortnight before the service.

FURTHER MISSION FESTIVALS

Pastor Albert Zweck of Australia will be the guest speaker at mission festivals at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Boreham Wood, at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, 10 July, and at Christ Lutheran Church, Petts Wood, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 17 July.

key words

communion of saints

A pastor recently asked his confirmation class in a written test, "What does 'communion of saints' mean?" A number of pupils gave the answer, "When saints go to Communion". We may smile, but this shows that we should know what these words in the Apostles' Creed mean.

"Communion" in the Creed means a union, a joining together, of people called "saints".

changed people

The Greek word for saints, **hagioi**, has the root meaning of being separated from sinful people and sinful things, set apart for God, in other words, holy. People do not become saints by the declaration of a church but by being changed.

forgiven people

When sinners believe that Jesus as their Substitute suffered and died for their sins they have forgiveness, are justified by God, stand as holy in His sight — they are His saints. In themselves they are still sinful, but in thankfulness they strive after

holiness and long for the time when they shall be completely and forever free of all sin — in heaven.

washed people

Then shall they be saints in the fullest sense of the word. Then, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, they shall be before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple, Revelation 7:14, 15.

bound together in Christ

All these saints, those in heaven and those on earth, together are "the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints". Their common faith in the Savior has bound them together. Rich and poor, of high and of low station in life, educated and uneducated, white and non-white, most of them do not know one another, but "the Lord knoweth them that are His", 2 Timothy 2:19.

What a wonderful "togetherness" this is! Every time we come to these words in the Apostles' Creed we should be glad that we and our loved ones who have died in faith in Christ and all other children of God are saints.

by Friedrich Niedner

Children are not for our amusement.

LUTHER

On Training Children



Here again we are plagued by the miserable fact that no one perceives or heeds this truth. All live on as though God gave us children for our pleasure or amusement, as though He gave us servants to use, like a cow or an ass, for work only, or as though we were to live with our subordinates only to gratify our whims, ignoring them as though what they learn or how they live were no concern of ours. No one wants to see that educating or training is the command of the Supreme Majesty, who will strictly call us to account and punish us for its neglect, or that the need to be seriously concerned about young people is so great. For if we want to have good and capable persons for both temporal and spiritual leadership, we must certainly spare no diligence, effort, or cost in teaching and educating our children that they may be able to serve God and the world. We must think not only how we may amass money and possessions for them; for God can surely support them and make them rich without us, as He is doing every day. But he has given and entrusted children to us that we should train and govern them according to His will; otherwise He would have no need of father and mother. Let everyone

know, therefore, that it is His duty, on peril of losing the divine favour, to bring up his children above all things in the fear and knowledge of God and, if they are talented, to let them learn and study so that they may be of service wherever they are needed.



If this advice were put into practice God would also richly bless us and give us grace to bring up the sort of people who might benefit the country and its inhabitants, likewise well-trained citizens, chaste and domestic women, who in turn might rear godly children and servants. Now think for yourself what deadly damage you are doing if you are negligent in this respect and fail on your part to train your child to usefulness and piety. Think how, in addition you are bringing sin and wrath upon yourself and are thus earning hell by the neglect of your own children, even though you may be pious and holy in other respects. And because this commandment is being disregarded, God is punishing the world so terribly that there is no discipline, order or peace. We all complain of this state of affairs but fail to see it is our fault. However, if we have children and subjects who are spoiled and disobedient, they are the products of our training.

(From *What Luther Says*

by Ewald Plass, 140, 141)

Master Plan at Kentish Town
Taped Conversation at Breakfast
Dedication Date for Ruislip
Karen and Jane — Two Newcomers

FROM THE TAFF

Kentish Town

How many years will it take for our church in England to become self-supporting? How much does it cost to run a full-scale Lutheran congregation? How many communicant members must a congregation have to be able to meet such costs? How many years will it take a new mission to reach a communicant membership of, say, 200 and raise a total budget of, say, £4,000? These were questions discussed by Luther-Tyndale members at a special "ELCE Evening" on Thursday, 12 May, when the ELCE **Master Plan** adopted by the 1960 Synod at Sunderland was described by Pastor Norman Heintz and approved by the congregation.

The colour filmstrip, "A Lutheran Rose Blossoms in England", recalling sixty years of ELCE history and showing the eight new missions begun since 1954, was followed by first-hand reports of the 1960 Synod by Luther-Tyndale members who attended the meeting

at Sunderland. The major part of the evening was spent in examining the objectives, charts and graphs of the **Master Plan**. The **Plan** envisages financial independence for the ELCE by 1985 on the double premises of a church-wide increase each year of 10% in communicant membership and in Christian giving.

A young member pointed out that since there had been an annual rise of 15% in ELCE membership and giving over the past five years, the **Plan's** aim of self-support for the ELCE in twenty-five years was, in fact, a modest one. Luther-Tyndale's special responsibility, as that of the mother congregation, would not be met, another member stressed, unless each member committed himself to the carrying out of the **Plan**.

"Look Out, Lizzie" at Caledonia produces £52 for Luther-Tyndale in London. The young people of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Michigan, U.S.A., put on a play and turned over the proceeds to the Kentish Town Church.

Boreham Wood

St. Pauls welcomed six teenagers into membership: Janet Bridge, Carole Juett, Ann Hayden, Barbara Hall, Anthony Walton, John Burton. The Service of Confirmation took place on Sunday, 5 June.

Petts Wood

Several young people gathered round the breakfast table of Pastor and Mrs. John Sims and over coffee and toast talked over the Christian's view of modern dancing — and recorded the discussion on tape. Next day seven ELCE London pastors heard the recorded breakfast conversation as they gathered at Boreham Wood to discuss the question themselves. At their next regular meeting, the Luther Society debated

the question whether the cost to the nation of the wedding of Princess Margaret was justifiable. On another evening they heard the Lutheran psychiatrist, Dr. Hoff, speak on "Mental Health".

The ELCE **Master Plan**, presented by Dr. E. Geo. Pearce, was studied and warmly approved by the Church Council. In the same meeting, the Council resolved to negotiate for a church site on Scads Hill Farm, a property situated midway between Petts Wood, Orpington, and St. Marys Cray, the three areas from which the present members and adherents come. It has since been learned that negotiations with the owner have been successful and that application to the Orpington Urban Council for planning permission is now being made.

Ruislip

The new St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Ruislip, Middlesex, will be dedicated on 10 September. Delays were caused by rain and severe weather during the first two months, then by slow delivery of building materials, and finally by modifications to the original plans for furnishing and finishes. The new date will allow the new church-cum-hall to be finished completely before dedication and sets the special opening service at the end of the holiday period and on a Saturday to encourage visitors from all ELCE congregations and missions to attend. After the Dedication Service at 4 p.m., tea will be served in the hall. To out-of-London guests, Pastor Rakow and his congregation offer lodging for the night or for the weekend. The new church is at the corner of Whitby Road and Queen's Walk, a threepenny ride on the 225 bus from Eastcote Underground Station.

Tottenham

It was the time for Holy Trinity's annual Sunday School Outing to Chalkwell near Southend. Why not invite Luther-Tyndale youngsters? British Railways co-operated. Its Southend train went through both South Tottenham and Kentish Town. On Saturday, 25 June, 80 boarded the train at Tottenham, 40 at Kentish Town. The weather threatened, the sun didn't oblige, one little imp took a plunge into the water, clothes and all — yet everyone enjoyed the Outing.

KAREN ANNE WINGER, 7 lbs 4 oz., born 24 June.

Harlow

Priscilla and Annaliese, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kuhs, were received into the Kingdom of God in the first baptisms to take place at the Lutheran Church in Harlow New Town. A congregation of 48 crowded the little temporary hut on Trinity Sunday, 12 June, to witness the ceremony. A surprise visit by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann after the service gave many the opportunity to meet the radio preacher whom they knew before only by voice.

JANE KARLA HENNIG, 7 lbs. 6ozs., born 29 June.

TO
THE
TYNE

" FIVE MINUTES WHICH SEEMED LIKE AN HOUR ! "

Rio Negro, Orsono, Chile, S.A.
May 28th, 1960

Dear brother of Christ:

I pray to God that you and your dear family are in good health.

We here in Chile are in the most terrible confusion. Thanks to God for keeping us alive and in health after this horrible earthquake! Eighty per cent. of the houses in this city are destroyed. Besides, the fires caused by the earthquake are destroying everything, making the situation much worse.

We are living on the sidewalks right now, like most of the people making little houses with planks of wood.

Brother Melendez, how terrible is all this that we Chilean people are going through! And at the same time, what a confusion and terror is still reigning here, because there are still tremors. The buildings which were raised majestically to the skies are now completely destroyed and lying in the mud. It is raining here now.

What a picture to see the mothers praying to God for mercy for their

This heart-rending appeal for help from a victim of the recent earthquake and tidal wave disaster in Chile was addressed to Dr. Andrew Melendez, Lutheran pastor and Spanish-language speaker on the Lutheran Hour.

own and their children's lives! Now we see how precious our lives are, and that in times of danger the material things are worthless.

Doctor Melendez, if I could only explain to you all that has happened and is still happening! This is a sign that Christ loves us and through this wants us to return to Him. Words cannot explain the tragedy.

Hundreds and hundreds of people are crying about their loved ones who have died, crushed under the fallen houses, or swallowed by the earth, or burned by the flames. And there are thousands too who have drowned, because in the ports there have been quakes in the ocean, as you probably have read in the newspapers and heard on the radio. We don't have light, water, gas, telephones or trains. (The letters are taken by airplane. And the worst is that the rain is finishing the little that has been left standing, making the situation much worse.

The duration of the earthquake was five minutes, which seemed to us like an hour. The intensity here was eight degrees, in other cities, like Concepcion, it went over nine degrees.

Four days have passed since the worst earthquake, and there are still tremors, finishing the houses that have been left standing. And what is still

more terrible, six volcanoes have erupted on account of the earthquake, and two new ones have come up, a few kilometres from this city. How horrible this is! You can have an idea of how great our fear is, because the volcanoes are throwing up fire and sulphur. The sky gets red on account of the fire and black on account of the ashes.

The people who have never mentioned God are humbled and are imploring grace on account of the terror which has taken possession of them.

We have food for about ten more days. After that, may God have mercy on us.

Many years will pass before Chile is again what it was before. There are cities which have disappeared completely, like Puerto Saavedra, Llanquihua (7,000 inhabitants). Puerto Montt (90,000) has been abandoned. Carahue, Maullin, and the greater part of the third largest city in Chile, which is Concepcion (300,000). Valdivia (60,000) has been the most destroyed. These are informations from the extreme south of our country; from the north we don't have much information yet, because communication has been cut off, and there is no electricity.

Excuse my handwriting, but twice we had to go outside on account of the tremors.

Brother Melendez, we here want to ask a great favour of you: to send us food. Food is what we urgently need here, because the stores do not exist any more.

You who preach over the radio, you can do it, in your programmes; or in your church. We will thank you all our lives. We also need clothing and money, but first food, because with this we live.

My family knows that you are a person who is always ready to help those who are in need, and we are confident that you will extend us your kind hand, since we are eleven in our family. But it is not only we, but the whole nation who needs help.

Another personal request: Pray for us in your church that we may not hunger or have more adversities.

You know, brother Melendez, that food is essential to the human being, and this is what we want you to send us.

Your brother in Christ,
Arnold Gonzalez V.
Casilla 64
Rio Negro, Osorno,
Chile, S.A.

Our gifts of clothing, food and medicines to Lutheran families in Hungary, adopted as the permanent project of the Lutheran Womens League of Great Britain, is a small part of the relief programme of our church in all parts of the world. As at Agadir and in Japan, "Lutheran" clothing was among the first to be available for disaster victims in Chile.

Picture of Robert Barnes Discovered

An anonymous sixteenth-century woodcut of Robert Barnes, the English Lutheran martyr-minister who died at the stake of Smithfield in July 1540, was found in the British Museum by an American Lutheran professor. While doing research work on the life and writings of Barnes.

Professor N. S. Tjernagel, Ph. D., professor of History and Religion at Concordia Teachers' College at River Forest, Illinois, U.S.A., discovered the woodcut at the end of the third essay in Barnes "Supplications", printed in 1534 in London by Bydell of Fleet Street. Hitherto it was thought that no picture of Barnes existed.

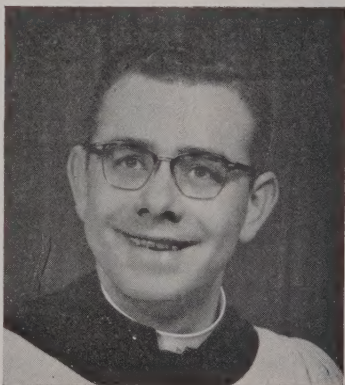
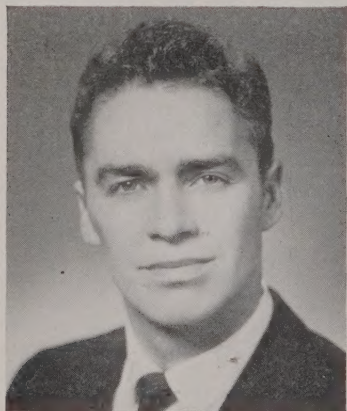
Professor Tjernagel spent four months in research at the British Museum in preparation for his 300-page book, "Martin Luther and Henry VIII", to be published by Concordia. He was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree by the University of Iowa for his work on Robert Barnes.

On June 12 and 19, Dr. Tjernagel delivered two memorial sermons at Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church, London, one on Robert Barnes, the other on Barnes'

friend and convertor, Thomas Bilney, who was burnt at Norwich in August 1531. Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church is the scene of the annual **Reformation Lecture** where such Luther scholars as E. G. Rupp, Philip Watson, James Atkinson, and F. J. Taylor have lectured. The two sermons by Dr. Tjernagel will appear shortly in booklet form.

WORLD DISTRIBUTORS FOR NEW FILMSTRIPS

During the Interfilm International Religious Film Conference at Hamburg, Germany, it was announced on 16 May that Lutheran Film Service of London, ELCE film agency, had secured the 35mm sound filmstrip distribution rights of Family Films Inc., of Hollywood, U.S.A., for the United Kingdom, Europe, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. In making this known, Mr. E. F. R. Smith, ELCE Lutheran Agencies manager, stated that under this arrangement a selection of new filmstrip material dedicated to Christian teaching would shortly be available within the above territories.



Arriving This Summer

ROBERT BRUER, for 1960 ELCE Mission at Plymouth.

The Rev. KENNETH MAHLER, for second ELCE tutorship at Cambridge

You want to know

QUESTION: What can I find in the Bible to console myself for having hurt a dear one very much but not asking his forgiveness before he died? Will God forgive me?

Answer: There is no doubt that as a Christian you should have asked him at once to forgive you, even if it was only an unintentional sin which you did not mean to do. How much more promptly should you have swallowed your pride and pleaded for his pardon, since you did this knowingly! Christian people should not let the sun go down upon their wrath, (Eph. 4:26), but be reconciled without delay, (Matthew 5:23-25).

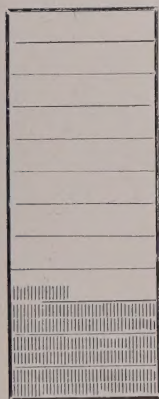
All this is impossible for you now since death has sealed his ears and lips. But will God forgive? You have your Saviour's assurance: "Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the

sons of men", Mark 3:28. Again: "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out", John 6:37. And: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" I John 1:7.

Go to your heavenly Father, like the Prodigal Son, Confess this and all other sins which you have committed. Put your implicit trust in His promises, firmly believing that for Jesus' sake He will not reject you but will receive you to His fatherly heart and absolve you from your tormenting guilt. That is the road to peace. Walk it and then go and sin no more, (John 5:14, 8:11)

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LUTHERAN HOUR SUMMER GUEST SPEAKER C LUXEMBOURG BROADCAST

Australian Aborigine

Your 1960 Foreign
Mission Offering
will bring the
Gospel to his
people.

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During the summer months while Dr. Os
C. J. Hoffmann, regular Lutheran Hour speaker, takes a recess from his Lutheran Hour duties, Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, Lutheran Hour speaker during 1951-53 and now head of the Religious Department at Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, U.S.A., will present a series of sermons on the theme "Christ's Message for the World".

These will be transmitted over Radio Luxembourg during the usual time on Friday evenings at 11.30 p.m. on 208 metres.

July 15th—"The Joy of Mourning"
July 22nd—"The Strength of Meekness"
July 29th—"The Health of Hunger"
August 5th—"The Reward of Mercy"
August 12th—"The Vision of Integrity"
August 19th—"The Contagion of Peace"
August 26th—"The Reassurance of Persecution"
September 22nd—"Don't Lose Your Saltiness"
September 9th—"Let Your Light Shine"